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Province re-instates tax rebate for forest owners

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Haliburton forest owners are calling the province's decision to temporarily re-instate a program that pays them a rebate on their property taxes an important step on the way to fairer taxation.

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson announced Friday the province is bringing back the Managed Forest Tax Rebate "as an interim measure until the property tax system is reformed."

The rebate program will pay qualifying landowners a property tax rebate of 75 per cent, up to a maximum of \$25,000.

The province is setting aside \$4-million to fund the rebate program for 1996. Should landowners apply for rebates totalling more than that, the province says it will have to cut the rebate level per landowner.

At the same time, Hodgson announced the MNR's Private Forest Sustainability Fund will be cut in half, down to \$1-million from \$2-million.

Local forest owners are "cautiously" hoping the re-instatement of the rebate program shows the Tories' commitment to overhaul a system they say unfairly taxes their lands at residential rates.

"Every government for the past 25 years has promised they would come up with a fairer taxation system for woodlot owners ... Hopefully with this Progressive Conservative government, we're going to get some solutions, finally," said Peter Schleifenbaum, who attended Friday's Ontario Forestry Association conference in Toronto where Hodgson announced his government's decision.

"The good thing is they've come from ground zero and taken a step. Governments have been notorious for stumbling on

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A weekend of riding...

The radar runs were the most popular feature of Winterfest this past weekend in Haliburton. Most of the action centred on Head Lake as countless winter enthusiasts took advantage of the perfect snow conditions. For more photos see page 21

And there's more...

This weekend, more than 200 women will converge in Haliburton for the second annual Women on Snow. During a weekend of riding the trails and exploring the county, they will raise money for Easter Seals and local organizations. This year's goal is \$16,000



Board gets good grade on special ed.

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's school board will have to continue paying now, if it wants to save later on the costs of delivering special education, says a consultant.

Dr. Anne Jordan was contracted by the board to examine its special education program and determine whether there is room for savings in the way the board educates exceptional students (children with behavioral and learning disabilities, as well as those deemed "gifted.")

Jordan, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in Toronto, told board members at their meeting two weeks ago she doesn't believe there is any way for the board to cut the costs of delivering spe-

Consultant's main concern is too many kids are being identified

cial education to meet present needs without decreasing the quality of service.

Instead, she recommends the board maintain its current level of spending, but redirect its focus from administrative time spent on the identification and review of exceptional students to teacher training and support.

Improving staff skills through increased training would eventually lead to a reduction in the number of students who are identified as exceptional, in turn reducing special education spending, says Jordan's report.

"The message financially of course is short-term pain for

long-term gain," she told trustees.

Haliburton's school board has identified a very high number of its students as exceptional compared to the rest of the province, said Jordan.

The identification rate across Haliburton's school system is close to 2.5 times higher than the provincial average, which places about nine per cent of the students as exceptional.

Almost 23 per cent of the board's elementary school students have been identified by the time they move on to high school, says Jordan.

In part, she says, the high

identification rate stems from "a prevailing myth" that identifying students will ensure they do not miss out on the proper care when they either move on to the next school or to a different school system.

"The elementary schools in some cases are identifying students as exceptional in Grade 1 and 2 before the outcome of primary literacy training can be reliably predicted," says Jordan's report.

Also contributing to the board's unusually high number of identified students, maintains Jordan, is a belief of principals that they will receive additional resources, including Educational Assistants (EAs), if they have more exceptional students in their school.

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Minden scores victory with arrival of new resident

In the ongoing "battle" between Minden and Haliburton, Minden has just scored one of its biggest coups. Jack Spencley of Haliburton moved to Minden on Friday, leaving many friends with tears in their eyes. He's promised to visit often with his soon-to-be-bride, Doreen Bullied, and we're all holding him to his word. So to all those lucky people in Minden, enjoy his company and your victory. And to you, Jack Spencley, we'll really miss you (and we can't wait to take your picture after the wedding!)

People who go through withdrawal in the winter because the *Globe and Mail* isn't available will be glad to know the Haliburton Library is receiving a copy of the newspaper every day if you want to sit down for a good read.

February is Heart and Stroke Month, a very important time to raise awareness, and funds, to help fight Canada's number one killer. You can help by making a donation

when a canvasser comes to your door — or volunteering to be one of those canvassers. This year's goal is \$14,000. If you are able to assist in the canvass, please call Susan Schell at 457-9093. Meanwhile, Schell is also selling copies of

Simply HeartSmart Cooking by Bonnie Stern at a 20% discount. The recipe book's normal price is \$19.95 but for a limited time only, it will be available for \$15.95 when you purchase it directly from Schell, who works at the Haliburton District Real Estate Board office in Haliburton (between The Hairstylist and Bwana John's.) Funds raised through the sale of the book are used for research and health promotion.

The meeting of all municipal councils will be at 6 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion on Tuesday, Feb. 13. (Please note the time and place changes.) The

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County



Aren't raccoons supposed to be sleeping at this time of year? Apparently, this one in Brian and Jean John's front yard at Percy Lake woke up feeling very hungry about a week ago. But when it got to the can of bird seed, it had some company.

meeting is open to the public, but only as observers. Municipalities will be holding meetings for public meetings in the near future.

There will be lots of fun and frolic this Friday and Saturday during the Dorset Snowball. Festivities begin on Friday night with a bonfire, story telling, broom ball tournament

and lots of hot coffee, hot chocolate, hot dogs, chili and live music. Saturday events include a pancake breakfast, parade, craft show, horsedrawn wagon rides, kiddy sized snowmobiles, helicopter rides, junior and senior lumberjack games, indoor entertainment for kids and adults alive, a dance, great food and much more.

The Peterborough and District Head Injury Association is holding its monthly general support meeting on February 29 at 7:30 p.m.. The location is 247 Hunter St. West in Peterborough and Fergal O'Hagan of Wellness Works will be the guest speaker. For more information call 705-741-1172.

The producers of the Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee 1996 are looking for talented seniors (55+) to audition for this year's salute to seniors in the performing arts at Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto. The August 12-16 show, hosted by Bill McNeil, needs singers, dancers, comedians and musicians. To arrange for an audition, please send your name, address, telephone number and a brief description of your act including age(s) to: Glenda Richards and Wayne Burnett, Richburn Entertainment Inc, 260 Queen's Quay West, Ste 2805, Toronto, Ont., M5J 2N3 or telephone Wayne

Burnett at (416) 962-3819. Deadline for applications is April 30.

The Canadian Bankers Association warns people to not fall prey to phony bank inspectors. Phoney bank inspector fraud usually begins with phone calls to bank customers from a criminal pretending to be a bank inspector. The criminal claims there is an employee stealing from the person's bank. Customers are then asked to withdraw large amounts of money from the branch to help trap the "dishonest" employee. Absolute secrecy is demanded. The fraud is completed when the phoney bank inspector meets with the customers individually to collect the withdrawn cash. These meetings are often held in a bank parking lot. If someone asks you to be involved with a similar scheme, phone you bank's manager or the police immediately. Always keep in mind that a legitimate bank employee or police officer will never ask bank customers to withdraw money from their accounts for any reason.

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If county has to lay off staff, some people are asking who will work in expanded county office?

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As the county tries to cope with the one-two punch of funding cuts and increased responsibility, there's been much talk of reducing the number of county employees.

This has led to grumblings about the addition presently under construction at the county office. If there are going to be fewer people working for the county, then why do you need a bigger building? And shouldn't scant resources be spent on people rather than bricks and mortar?

Warden Murray Fearrey says the addition is one-third of the price of a new county office, which had been suggested by the previous council. With the federal/provincial infrastructure program, the county is responsible for one-third of the cost, or approximately \$250,000.

As well, the process began before the province announced the funding cuts which are causing the county and municipal governments to scramble to make up for lost revenue, he says.

Those are the money issues. Next comes space.

When the social services department moved from the registry office building across the street to the county office, it took the space formerly occupied by the council chambers. There was no room for the chamber in the rest of the building so now county council is like a travelling road show within Minden. Some meetings are at the community centre, some at Hyland Crest and some in the lower level of the registry building.

Fearrey strongly believes that a united county council needs a permanent home.

"I don't think there is another place in the province that has such a modest county office," he says.

The province has indicated counties will remain responsible for social services. However, registry offices will likely be propelled into the computer age, requiring less space at the existing office. (If the system is computerized, there would still be a local access point, but the required space would be minimal.) Fearrey said that if the registry office no longer occupies the space across from the county office, then perhaps the building could be sold.

Valentines for a sweet tooth...



If June Stewart thinks this store-bought butter tart is heavenly, the home-made varieties at Wednesday's butter tart contest are sure to be out of this world. The Valentine's Day contest will be a battle of the recipe books as local bakers hold a taste-off at the Rails' End Gallery starting at 7 p.m.. Call 457-2330 or 457-9660 for details on how to participate. Admission is \$2 for those who like to nibble but don't like to do the baking.

Deer get a helping hand from MNR

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The inhabitants of two local deer yards will find life gets a little easier this week.

The Ministry of Natural

Resources, in co-operation with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, will begin a feeding program to help the deer make it through the rest of winter.

Feed will be distributed weekly at the Percy Lake deer yard and the Anson yard after the Ministry declared an emergency status for the deer last Thursday.

"It's been a fairly tough winter for the deer," says Stan Flemming of the Minden MNR office. They congregated in the yards early because of the early snow, and found it difficult to get around because of the subsequent depth of snow. Ministry staff, along with HHOA volunteers, helped to tramp down trails, but they held off feeding the deer until the situation became more serious.

The January thaw a few weeks ago made the snow pack down and more conducive to deer travel, but given the recent cold snap and the length of the winter, the MNR decided "we may be in a situation where conditions would be fairly severe," especially if the winter lasts another six or seven weeks.

Up until now, the main benefit of feeding the deer has been to make people feel better. By starting a feeding program now, the deer will be the main beneficiaries.

If people want to help, they can make donations of money or their time. Flemming doesn't yet know whether they'll need more food than what's been ordered, and people could contact either the MNR or Ted Vasey of the Outdoors Association.

Katimavik is looking for work

How would your organization like to have an 11-person work team at your disposal?

Katimavik is looking for work.

An information meeting is being held Feb. 15 at the Haliburton Sir Sandford Fleming College campus. It's a chance to learn more about the national, not-for-profit organization and whether the 11 young

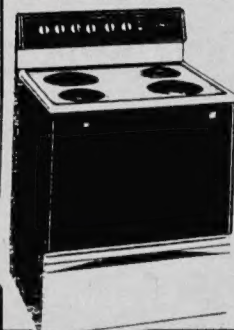
participants could help fulfill dreams for a better community.

"An ideal work project is co-operative in nature," says project leader Dave Lawson. "It puts the group together for the task and allows them to have a sense of accomplishment."

Work sponsors are expected to provide supervision, any necessary training, and the materials. The meeting starts at 7 p.m..



A LUCKY WINNER: Sandy Ambridge of Eagle Lake won the handmade quilt which was raffled off by the Haliburton Lions. Lions Chris Nicholls, Bill Hartin and President Doug King made the presentation.



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Log auction brings buyers and sellers together for first time

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

People who want to buy or sell high value or unusual logs will have a unique opportunity on May 4.

The Haliburton County Forestry Opportunities Committee is organizing its first log auction. Not only is it this the first large-scale venture of the committee, but it might be the first time such an auction is held in the province.

"These auctions are very common in Germany," says organizer Lorne Johnson, and for some reason, the idea has never crossed the Atlantic.

The auction benefits both buyers and sellers, especially in an area such as Haliburton County, where you may have one or two high value logs, but not an entire supply. The auction pools all local resources together, which

in turn makes it more attractive for people on the look out for these special opportunities.

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▲ burls (min. 12" length on either side)

▲ over-sized logs (pine, ash > 18")

▲ any unusual species for this area such as butternut, walnut, elm, basswood, cherry and sumac.

The logs will need to be delivered to the gravel pit on Hwy. 1118 between Airport Road and Norley Road on March 15, because Johnson must have an inventory before he contacts potential buyers. Those buyers may include canoe makers, furniture manufacturers, home

builders, wood carver associations, veneer mills and gun stock manufacturers.

The logs will be displayed and bidding will be on individual logs. Organizers reserve the right to reject logs as well as take 1" slices to show the grain. Potential buyers will be able to remove small portions of the bark to see the wood. The committee will take a percentage of the sale price to pay for the costs of the auction.

Johnson believes buyers will be enthusiastic about the auction. "It's hard for them to get supplies and suppliers are on the lookout for this kind of thing. We're bringing them all together.

For more information or to make prior arrangements for log delivery call Lorne Johnson at 754-2198.



Lorne Johnson is organizing unique log auction

Forest tax rebate seen as step in right direction

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the second step," said Godfrey Tyler, a member of the Haliburton Forest Owners' Association and the Ontario Woodlot and Sawmill Operators' Association. "We're really pleased with what has been done, but often there is a degree of cynicism about whether governments can take that second step."

Hodgson did not give a deadline by which the province intends to restructure the property tax system. "It's extremely controversial and complex," he told *The Echo*.

"The fairness seems to be

clicking in with this government. They seem to be realizing that some injustices were done to forest owners," said Haliburton Forest Owners' Association president Dan Buhl. "... In Haliburton County, almost 65 per cent of the forests are privately owned, so there's been a lot of suffering going on over the past couple of years."

In 1993, the former NDP government cancelled the tax rebate program, which had been introduced 20 years earlier.

The controversial move caused a backlash across the province. Many Haliburton area woodlot owners threatened to close off their properties to

snowmobilers, hikers and cross-country skiers in protest.

They eased off in the fall of 1994 when it became known a provincial election would be held the following spring and candidates Mike Harris and Chris Hodgson for the Tories and the Liberals' Lynn MacLeod and Sharon McCrae promised they would re-instate the rebate of elected to power.

To be eligible for the newly introduced Managed Forest Tax Rebate, a property must meet the following conditions:

■ the land must be located in Ontario and owned by a Canadian resident, corporation or partnership assessed as its owner

■ taxes on the managed forest portion of each property must

be at least \$250 — an increase from the \$150 minimum of the previous rebate program

■ the forest area must be at least 10 hectares in size, unless it is designated as a significant woodland under the Planning Act. The previous minimum size requirement was four hectares

To receive the rebate, landowners must submit a management plan based on MNR guidelines, under a new requirement of the program.

there are several conditions which make the land ineligible for the rebate as well. Tyler applauded the move, saying it shows the province is "recognizing the difference between the people who have land just to have land and those that are committed to active forest management."

Reviewers will be trained to examine and approve the management plans, and will be able to charge landowners a fee for the service.

To be eligible for the rebate program, which begins April 1, woodlot owners must apply the OFA, the OWSOA, the Subsidies Management Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing or the local property assessment office of the Ministry of Finance by April 30. Payments are to begin this coming fall.

The MNR is planning to hold information session about the rebate program in March and April at 29 yet-to-be-announced locations across the province.

Further information about the rebate program is available at all MNR district offices.

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X-ray a symbol of auxiliary's role

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

After working eight years to save enough money for the new x-ray machine, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary was praised for all its efforts.

In turn, the Auxiliary took time to thank all those who made the \$150,000 purchase possible.

"These are the days when the healthcare environment is full of constant news of cutbacks," said executive director Foster Loucks at Wednesday's open house at the hospital. "It underlines the importance of groups like the auxiliary. You really add to the vibrancy and even the viability of our community."

In the future, volunteers will be more and more important, he added, joining the chorus of thanks from administrator Lynne Johnston and past administrator Marlene Taylor.

The money has been raised in ways large and small. Just before Auxiliary President Doris Laine reminded everyone that they'd soon be at it again - to raise \$75,000 for a heart monitor - she thanked all the mem-

bers for their hard work and dedication. "The Auxiliary members were always there. They certainly didn't hesitate, so that made my job a lot easier."

She also thanked the people whose donations made it possible to have an up-to-date x-ray machine. Every donation counted, whether it was people who baked for bake sales or purchased raffle tickets, or left a memorial bequest. Some of the major contributors were: the Haliburton Rotary Club, Haliburton Legion, Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, Haliburton Curling Club, Kennis Lake property owners association, Haliburton UCW, Parklane residents, Haliburton Lake card players, and Chuck and Janet O'Neil of Haliburton IGA (as well as all those who saved their IGA receipts.) But rest assured, each and every donation was appreciated - and necessary to allow the Auxiliary to raise so much money in a small community.

"It's been a boon," radiological technologist Judy O'Connell said of the new GE x-ray, which makes life much easier for patients and the staff.



PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE: Judy McConnell shows off the new x-ray machine at Haliburton Hospital to Parklane residents Ev Stata, Max Strang and Ernice Warder at last Wednesday's open house. Parklane residents were consistent donors in the Hospital Auxiliary's campaign to raise \$150,000.

Dysart deputy-reeve denies offering goose bounty

Dysart et al deputy-reeve Bill Davis denies he had any part in a proposal to pay a Gooderham man to help solve the municipality's "goose problem".

Brad MacDuff was recently sentenced to 18 months probation and 50 hours community service for illegally removing seven geese from Head Lake in May, 1995.

During his testimony in Minden court two weeks ago, MacDuff claimed Davis and Jim Elstone, who holds the contract to maintain Head Lake park, offered to pay him "\$3 to \$4 a head to collect the geese."

Davis issued the following press release:

In response to the lead story in the Haliburton County Echo regarding "Head Lake Goose Flap," I wish to set the record straight as to my

involvement in the matter.

In 1994, when Dysart first got involved in the goose issue I was not on council. So at no time did I offer Brad MacDuff any remuneration for the collection of any geese.

After my election and taking office in 1995, the issue of geese came up at our council that we were having a problem. It was the consensus of council to direct the caretaker of our park to undertake the initiative to deal

with the problem, but still at no time did I offer to Mr. MacDuff any remuneration, nor did I have the authority to. I was aware that they were being removed, but I along with Mr. MacDuff, believed it was being done in a legal way.

I want to go on record as realizing that there is a problem with the number of geese, and condone any reduction in numbers, but only by a legal effort.



Jamie Patrick (left) accepts her prize for raising the most pledges in the Haliburton County Association for Community Living's recent Dare to Ski fundraiser at Sir Sam's Ski Area from Haliburton-Victoria MPP Chris Hodgson and Cheryl Curry. The Dare to Ski event raised more than \$5,370.

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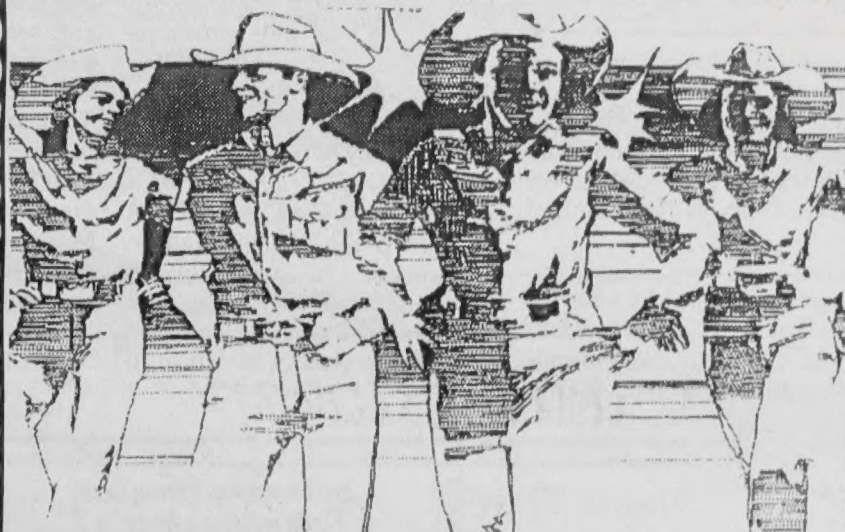
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Board identifies twice as many special needs students as other areas

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"This drives some of the schools to identify as many students as possible to support their demand for teaching assistants, sometimes before students can reliably be deemed to be exceptional," she said.

The high percentage of identified students means special education resource teachers are stuck in their offices doing an inordinate amount of paperwork involved with identification process, when they could be in classrooms helping teachers work with exceptional students, said Jordan.

She recommended the board try to eliminate the high number of students it identifies with "mild" learning disabilities by putting increased resources into early literacy programs, particularly in Kindergarten and Grade 1.

Superintendent of education Dale Robinson said the board has been trying to identify fewer students.

"The number of students identified in our elementary schools is about half as high as it is at the high school, so we're already on the road to reducing the number of kids who are identified" he said.

Among a list of other recommendations, Jordan's report says the board should assign three special education specialists to work primarily at its four smallest schools, helping students and training staff.

Jordan told trustees it was obvious to her that the board and its staff are well-deserving of the recognition they recently received from the province for running an almost completely integrated education system.

"I think the Haliburton County Board of Education is several steps ahead of most of its public board counterparts across the province ... I'm very impressed with the system and its one of which you can be justifiably proud," she said.

She attributed the board's success to the "incredible commitment" of the board, its teaching staff and EAs to tackle integration.

Robinson said Jordan's report raised many good points that the board plans give further examination.

"She was very complimentary of the system, and I've told the teachers that," he said. "It's not that we're doing anything poorly. We're doing it well, but we have to get better."



THEY'LL DANCE ALL NIGHT: After Friday night's danceathon at HHSS, student organizers (clockwise from bottom left) Matt Cheeseman, Blake Jackson, Eric Harris, Simon Reid and Sheamus Donnery will need some sleep. The event will raise money for the Women's Emergency House in Haliburton.

Safe place to sleep a goal of all-night danceathon

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

On February 16, when most people will be at home asleep, a group of high school students will be helping to make sure that women and children have a safe place to sleep if they want to leave a violent relationship.

Organizers hope Friday's all-night dance-athon at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will raise \$2,000 for the Women's Emergency House.

"They're just beginning and we thought it would be a good idea to help them," say organizers Eric Harris, Blake Jackson, Matt Cheeseman, Sheamus Donnery and Simon Reid.

"It's cool to stay up all night," Eric says of the event's appeal.

All kinds of music will be played and there will be live performances by two high school bands: Alderaan, which is comprised of Eric, Simon and Joel Edwards; and Maiden Korea, which is Morgan Talaba,

Jamie Henderson, Kevin Brezina, Bob Sisson, Ben Ripley and "manager" Donald Todd.

Some teachers — "all the younger ones seem really up to it" — and people associated with the emergency house will be chaperones.

There will be 15-minute breaks every hour. Local businesses have donated food and prizes and probably the most coveted "door prize" will be the chance to lie down for a whole half hour.

John Dobrzensky made Highlands his second home of the heart

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The man who had his heart in two places has died in the land of his first love.

John Dobrzensky passed away on February 7, 1996 in the town of Chotebor in the Czech Republic.

He had been born in Chotebor 85 years earlier but had had to flee in 1948 in fear of his life when the Communists confiscated his land. Never expecting to

be able to return, he and his wife Leo eventually settled in Canada. When they retired to Haliburton in the early 1970s, they quickly immersed themselves in village life. Mrs. Dobrzensky wrote a book of local history, *Fragments of a Dream*, and was one of the founders of the Heritage Walks.

With the fall of the Soviet Union several years ago, fate gave the Dobrzenskys an unexpected opportunity to return to

Chotebor. The family's house was returned to their ownership, and while it was in a much worsened state than when they had fled, it gave them immense inner satisfaction to have a part of their family's history restored.

"It was like coming full circle," says their daughter Margaret. "At the end he felt proud he could come home and he could take care of what had been in the family."

When the Dobrzenskys went to Chotebor a few years ago, they intended to return to Haliburton for part of the year. However, Mr.

Dobrzensky, who had Parkinson's Disease, fell and broke his hip, making travel difficult. He had been doing well until last fall, when he fell and broke his other hip. (The nurses at the hospital knew that Haliburton was a part of him because when he awoke from his first surgery, he started speaking to them in English.)

As the Parkinson's advanced, he was hospitalized and his wife visited him every day, filling him in with all the news from his two homes.

Margaret says her mother is doing well and unfortunately, all the children cannot be in Chotebor until later this week. Mr. Dobrzensky leaves behind

four children: Margaret, who lives in Toronto; John, who lives in Brussels with his wife and four children; Helen, who lives in Paris; and Elizabeth, who also lives in Toronto. He is predeceased by his son Charles.

The funeral is in Chotebor on February 16 and the family welcomes people's prayers and masses. Memorial donations may be made to the Haliburton Hospital Fund.

If people would like to write to Mrs. Dobrzensky, who will likely visit Haliburton in April, her address is Riegrova 1, 58301 Chotebor, Czech Republic. The phone number is 011 42 453 3707.

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Dysart dumps Harcourt recycling proposal

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Dysart council has tossed out a proposal to turn a garage at Harcourt's former Martin lumber development into a recycling depot.

At their meeting yesterday, councillors rejected a request to rezone the land the garage occupies from rural to industrial, quashing Etobicoke-based Canadian Northern Recycling's plan to operate a recycling plant out of the building.

About 15 cottagers in the immediate area of the site made the trip to a public meeting in Haliburton last Monday evening to protest the plan, arguing an industrial business has no place in the middle of cottage country.

Yesterday councillors ruled in their favor, citing a clause in the municipality's Official Plan that says any new commercial and industrial development should be encouraged to locate in Haliburton, which has an industrial park, or other hamlets unless the type of development clearly requires another location.

Chester Gadway, representing Schwandt Aggregates, which is trying to sell the property, argued council's ruling makes it almost impossible for the company to find a buyer that will be able to use the building.

Ward 1 councillor Peter Curry also questioned whether council's decision was turning the building into a "white elephant."

However, reeve Murray Fearrey maintained the municipi-

pality would gladly entertain proposals that conform with its Official Plan.

"Certainly we're receptive to you getting rid of the building, but not for that use," he told Gadway. "... If you could come back with a use that was more compatible, then we could try to work with you."

Sean Teperman told councillors and the disgruntled cottagers last Monday his company intended to process between 150 and 250 tonnes — 10 to 15 truckloads — of recyclables a day at the plant.

At maximum capacity, the recycling centre could handle 400 tonnes a day, including aluminum cans, glass, plastics, newsprint, cardboard, drywall, metals and other materials.

garage is a perfect site for a recycling operation.

Not only is it close to the municipalities that have contracted the services of Canadian Northern Recycling, but also, because it is already constructed, "it saves us a tremendous amount of money," he said.

"We have orchestrated all our finances for this site. We have bought equipment for this site. Everything is on this site."

Just as cottagers and residents learned to live with the former Martin lumber operation, said Teperman, they would learn to live with a recycling operation.

But the upset cottagers cited concerns over excessive noise from heavy machinery, the volume of truck traffic the operation would generate, the potential for environmental damage to Benoit Lake and the negative impact the operation could have on their property values.

North York resident Peter Boyer told councillors he feared the peace and quiet of his brand new Benoit Lake cottage would be shattered by the recycling depot.

"I bought this place in June — not to listen to trucks," he said. "... The noise is going to be astronomical."

"This is pretty cottage country and it sounds as though we're going to be filled up with other people's garbage," worried Dona Thyret, who owns a property adjacent to the former garage.

Benoit Lake cottager Sergio Villalta said a recycling centre would create the exact distractions cottagers are trying to escape by travelling to the

Highlands.

"We are all cottage people," he said. "When we leave the city, we are trying to get away from all the same noise and pollution this place is going to make."

Sam Masson, who owns a property about a quarter mile from the future depot, did a little research before the meeting.

He visited recycling operations in Bracebridge, Markham and Toronto to get an idea of what would be in store for him and his neighbours.

And what he found, he says, was lots of noise and lots of trucks.

The sound of a truck dumping out a load of bottles and cans onto the floor to be sorted into different piles is "unbelievable," he said.

He also noticed something else: "All of these other facilities are in industrial areas, not cottage country."

"No one is against recycling. It's a great thing. But not in a cottage area," said Masson.

A number of the cottagers at last week's meeting were wary of any type of recycling proposal, considering a previous company set up an illegal recycling operation at the same site.

R.R. Candrum Inc. was charged by the MoEE for illegally running a drum recycling business out of the former garage from May to September, 1993.

Last May in Minden court, the three principals of the company were convicted on the charges and required to pay fines totaling \$24,000.

Resort in suspended animation

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A plan to reincarnate Harcourt's former Martin lumber office as a timeshare resort could be stuck in suspended animation for a long time before it ever comes to life.

Three neighbouring property owners, John LeClaire, John Watson and Bill Pettingill, have separately requested hearings at the Ontario Municipal Board to oppose the 92-unit proposal.

Should the OMB rule that one or all of the appeals justifies a hearing, Dysart et al planner Pat Martin estimated it could take anywhere from a year to 18 months before they get that far.

The 10-man consortium planning the multi-million-dollar development had hoped to begin turning the former head office of G.W. Martin's lumbering operation into the main lodge of its resort this summer.

But until the group finds out whether it will be asked to defend its proposal at the OMB, the administrative building will remain as it has for nearly the past 10 years — dormant.

"We don't do anything until such time as the rubber stamping is done by (the province)," said Ken Sibbald, one of the development group's principals. "Lots of planning can go on, but we're not going to lift a finger on any construction."

Currently, the municipality is waiting to hear if the Ministry of Municipal Affairs approves its Official Plan amendment, changing the designation a

41-acre parcel of land surrounding the former Martin building from rural to resort commercial.

Should the Ministry deny the amendment, the three cottagers' OMB hearing requests would not be necessary because the entire proposal would fall through. Two by-law amendments required for the plan to go ahead depend on the Official Plan amendment.

However, if the Official Plan amendment is approved, the OMB would then have to decide whether to hold a hearing to deal with the three objections or try to solve them first through mediation.

But Dysart's planner foresees the need for a full OMB hearing to deal with the arguments of at least one of the objectors. "In my personal opinion, I sense that Mr. LeClaire's concerns won't be able to be solved through mediation. He doesn't seem to have any middle ground. He simply doesn't want to have the development at all," said Martin.

Pettingill, one of the other opponents, is president of the fledgling Benoit and Elephant Lakes Property Owners Association. He estimates about 30 people filed letters of support along with his hearing request.

He and his supporters claim the development will add too much boat traffic to the already busy waters of Benoit Lake, may have a detrimental impact on the environment and will decrease the enjoyment of the area for those who own properties there.

Though it may be delayed, Sibbald is confident his group's development will eventually get the go ahead.

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Editorial

Who's impugning whom?

In a letter to the editor last week, Gena Robertson, the executive director of SIRCH, wrote: "People have asked me on numerous occasions why The Echo seems to impugn SIRCH at any given opportunity." Since people have asked, *The Echo* will respond.

First, a few of the ground rules of editing a community newspaper. The paper is supposed to be a reflection of the community. SIRCH - Strategic Initiatives for Residents of the County of Haliburton - is a legitimate part of the community and has many supporters. So when it requests a story, *The Echo* agrees.

People who disagree with SIRCH also are entitled to a voice. Last year, it was people who were concerned about the policies and politics of the Women's Emergency House. These past few weeks, it has been mental health consumer/survivors who were angry about the firing of the two therapists and the resulting crisis it created in their lives.

SIRCH may be surprised to know that we haven't written half the stories which have been suggested to us over the years: what are the qualifications of the people who work at SIRCH; why do the same people get hired again and again; what is SIRCH's annual budget and how is the money spent; and is money from provincially-subsidized programs being used to finance the Women's Emergency House? When the CHACE mobile bus arrived in town, we were asked to mark its tires to see if it ever moved out of the parking lot. In many people's eyes, we've handled SIRCH with kid gloves.

Now, to SIRCH itself. Many of the programs it offers are necessary, especially the counselling centre, which has truly been a life saver. But as the number of programs began to mount up, people in the community began to ask where the money is coming from and who was deciding which programs should be offered. People were more or less content to keep their grumblings to themselves until one momentous occasion: the arrival of the mobile bus. It may have CHACE painted on its side, but the money was obtained through SIRCH and it more than anything else exemplifies people's anger. What's more, it gives them something tangible to hate, which wasn't a very strategic initiative during these days of budget slashing.

SIRCH argues the bus fulfills an identified need in the community. We don't doubt that when parents who live in the county's out-of-the-way places were asked if they'd like a free toy and children's resources service brought to within minutes of their door, they'd said yes. Indeed, everyone can support the idea of young children being exposed to as many social and learning opportunities as possible. The philosophy behind the bus is wonderful. But those surveys didn't ask people in the wider community if they wanted their tax dollars being spent on the bus which in some cases early on, was spending a half day meeting the needs of one family only. The bus was certainly not a priority at a time when people have to cope with hospitals that can only afford to stay open 12 hours a day and welfare payments that are cut 22% a month. At least when the DYMO wheelchair bus was purchased, the money was primarily raised in the community. SIRCH got its money from the government, avoiding the need to find such broad public support.

Then there's a matter of attitude. At the recent public meeting about the future sponsorship of the counselling centre, SIRCH was shockingly paternalistic - a "father knows best" approach for an agency that sometimes seems bent on stamping out any vestiges of a "male" social hierarchy. After the consumer/survivors made it very clear that they felt betrayed and had to find help elsewhere, SIRCH staff said that wasn't true, that staff had been there. Who knows better about the needs of consumer/survivors? The consumer/survivors themselves or people who have never had to use the service?

And speaking of paternalism, apparently some people at SIRCH think *The Echo* has taken a stance against some of the "women's" initiatives - such as the Women's Emergency House - because the paper's male publisher is interfering in the work of the paper's female editor. What a sexist - and inaccurate - attitude! Believe it or not, women can have opinions which differ from what is often presented as the official women's perspective.

Instead of being impugned at every opportunity, SIRCH is simply finding out that after years of being silent and frustrated, people are more willing to speak their own minds. **M.P.**



Drag Lake shoreline

by Len Pizzev

Letters to the Editor

Politicians duck responsibility

To the Editor:

Your desk should be swamped with letters protesting the "justice" (?) system's handling of the case against Brad MacDuff. If it wasn't for the punishment placed on Mr. MacDuff, it's almost comic relief from our long cold winter in Haliburton!

No wonder there is a backlog of court cases when the system is willing to spend time and money tying up court on such a case.

It would appear that officials aided and abetted the "solution" for their "goose problem" and then "ducked" out of it and left Mr. MacDuff to be the fall guy. Very unfortunate for this individual.

Jim and Ruth Schultz
RR1 Kinmount

P.S. Mr. MacDuff's case should be appealed.

To quote Dickens..

To the Editor:

Just another case of the law being an ass: Brad MacDuff should have gotten a medal.

D.B. Iles
Haliburton

A few questions

To the Editor:

What does integrity mean? What does standing by your convictions mean? What do the words "I'm behind you 100%" mean? What do the words honesty, being upfront and supportive mean? Obviously to some they mean absolutely nothing. It is a sad day when someone

reaches out to help others within what they honestly feel was within their legal authority, and is then shunned by those who would benefit from the helping hand that is being offered. It is no wonder people do not offer assistance to others or volunteer their time and expertise in order to make things better for the majority of people.

To Max Strang and all those who took their time to appear at the court room in Minden in support of my husband Brad and what he was trying to do to assist Dysart et al with the geese problem, our sincere appreciation. To Mr. John Clarke, although not a lawyer, but who presented himself on Brad's behalf with the utmost professionalism and with a great deal

of personal time, our sincere appreciation.

For those people, children and businesses who will have to continue to endure the unpleasantness, inconvenience and health risks associated with the geese, we wish you every success in resolving the dilemma you will continue to endure, and with which Brad in no way can assist you because he is on probation and has no legal authority to do so.

To Martha Perkins, we wish to thank you for your editorial which addressed the concerns of many people with whom we have talked.

Beverly and Brad MacDuff
Gooderham
Glamorgan Twp

Bravo to an honest fisherman

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Ernie Wheerie (on catching a 44" muskie in Lake Kashagawigamog)! We all commend you Ernie for your honesty in returning the Granddaddy Of Them All

to his home! We'll watch the paper for next year's catch.

John Marren, Bill Dehaan,
Sheri Hawkins, Karen Dehaan, Willow Hawkins and the rest of the gang who "used" to swim in Kashagawigamog

Counselling centre now staffed

To the Editor:

On behalf of SIRCH and the Haliburton County Counselling Centre, I am pleased to announce that we have hired new counselling staff, and, as a result, the Counselling Centre is open to receive new referrals and resume service delivery to

existing clients.

The intake procedures for the Counselling Centre are being modified with the aim of making services available as quickly as possible, as well as increasing the Centre's responsiveness to the needs of its client population.

José Urbano,
Coordinator

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Perceptions of a 2+2 problem

AS THE WISE MAN once said, possession is nine-tenths of the law. In today's world perception is also nine-tenths of the truth. If you are in a position of trust or authority, you not only have to be doing all the right things in order to succeed, but be seen to be doing them, and by as many people as possible. Unfortunately our local board of education is perceived by many as having a spending problem.

According to my calculations, most property taxes in Dysart et al have increased around 44% in the past five years.



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

Allowing for an inflation figure of approximately 10% over the same period, a real tax increase of 34% remains - this in a period of deep recession. How many of us can boast a 34% increase in income in the same period?

Let us pause for reflection before we all go storming off to burn down the local municipal office. In an era of draconian cuts in public spending and resultant personal hardship - when municipalities and the county are slashing and chopping in order to avoid increasing their share of the tax burden - our local board of education's proposed budget increase for 1996 could well trigger a significant property tax increase. Much of the increase of past years can be similarly laid at its doorstep. It is true that enrollment has increased in county schools, but a corresponding increase in the pupil-teacher ratio should have made it unnecessary for the 25% increase in spending that has actually

occurred since 1990.

It may tempt to point the finger of blame at the scapegoat of your choice - greedy teachers, empire building bureaucrats, gutless politicians, apathetic voters, pick your flavour of the month. I think we all, however, have bought into some basic assumptions about education, and the funding thereof, that may not be true, and are certainly no longer affordable.

Do we need the lure of city salaries to attract teachers to one of the most beautiful, and least expensive, areas of Ontario. Is salary level in fact the chief catalyst in any decision to move here? Do contin-

ual improvements in infrastructure and teaching aids generate a corresponding increase in the quality of education? Can volunteers, service and church organizations, or even family, teach once again those skills that were traditionally handled outside of the system? Should so-called mandated policies, promulgated from the lofty heights of Queen's Park, be questioned, and perhaps actively contested, by board of education members?

Regular budget increases in the field of education may have been acceptable and even warranted in the past, but we must change course, and quickly, in the stormy seas of the '90s. Otherwise, as our school system soaks up an increasing percentage of the county's resources it could become discredited and isolated - a source of resentment, and perhaps a target of ridicule, for the general public as well as taxpayers. It is the duty of our local board to avoid this scenario at all costs.

More Letters to the Editor

Kinark is transferring funds

To the Editor:

We would like to make a point of correction to a report that appeared in the January 23 issue of the "Echo". Stanhope deputy-revee Eleanor Harrison reported that, "two of the major players have said they will not be transferring any dollars for administration." This statement is incorrect.

We at Kinark Child and Family Services, one of the major players in the amalgamation discussions, will be transferring the amount allocated for its administration of the Haliburton program, (\$111,686.) to the Family Services Board.

Secondly, we would like to say a brief word to the members of the Haliburton community on the issue of "brokered models" or what is more commonly known as "contracting for services". Contracting for services has been demonstrated as the most cost effective service delivery mechanism and is

increasingly being implemented across North America. Communities have found that contracting reduces bureaucracy while enhancing local control. They have found that accountability in a contracting model is simpler, more visible, and subsequently more effective in providing service to the children and families in their communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify our position and correct the information reported from the Family Services Board December meeting. Our primary interest at Kinark Child and Family Services has been and will continue to be the provision of the highest quality services to the children, youth and families of Haliburton County.

Bob Kerr,
Area Program Director,
Haliburton
Peter Moore,
Director Field Operations



Pic of the Past

This week's Pic of the Past shows the late 1944/45 north of Lochlin. Our thanks to Carl Harry Burk with a team of mares logging in Dugan of West Guilford for sharing it with us.

A bean by any other name

WELL IT HAS happened with fashion, music and just about everything else so I guess I shouldn't be surprised by the change in one of life's simple pleasures - coffee. It is that hot, rich, dark liquid that millions enjoy morning, noon and night.

Time was you could go into a diner and order a "cup of Joe" and have as many refills as you wanted until you might spin off of your seat at the lunch counter. Or perhaps you were more the "blond with sand in it" type? That would be your coffee with cream and sugar. I think we all have the picture of the waitress with the pencil in her ear and a pot of coffee in her hand coming around to see if you'd like some more. You can still get that service but there have been even more combinations and permutations added to the roasted roster. I remember a surge in the espresso trade after the "Godfather" movies. Now there's an interesting little drink. A thimble-size cup filled with an extremely bitter, black, gritty brew that you have to strain through your teeth and when it hits your system has the tendency to make your hair stand on end. That's what I call bracing!

Then there was the cappuccino revolution. Everyone who is anyone wanted one of those fancy machines that whips the milk and coffee into a frothy frenzy and is then poured hot



ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

and steamy into a cup and garnished with cream and chocolate shavings. It is indeed a lovely drink but I could really do without the taupe-coloured moustache you get when you drink it. The French are famous for drinking "bowls" of coffee, huge vessels that resemble soup ternerines, into which they pour hot strong coffee and warm milk. Which brings me to my next naive question. If that is a cafe au lait, what is this latest concoction called a "latte"? I know I am out of the groove but really, are we not just making up new and chi-chi names for all the same thing? I guess I truly am, as my sister-in-law is quick to point out, getting old and very boring. You can dress it up, whip it up, decaff it, flavour it, spice it, garnish it, do whatever you want with it if you want, but I prefer a plain old cup of coffee made with beans picked by Juan Valdez.

I was never a coffee drinker until I hit college and I found a quick cup of caffeine could almost keep me from dozing off in my film studies class. As the semesters got busier and the work more intense, my friends and I were seldom without mugs in our hands. I drank coffee at

home not only because it tasted better but because I enjoyed having a chat and a coffee with Mom. It was during my college years that I met Kirk. I could say that one of the things that really attracted me to Kirk was the way he looked in Levis but I must be frank. It was really his mother's coffee. I had heard from many about how good Judy Creelman's coffee was but until tasted first hand, I didn't know what good coffee was. It was made in an old dented-metal drip pot in which the coffee was placed in a little basket between a top water holder and the bottom pot with the spout. The freshly boiled water was poured into the top section and it would then drip through, bringing with it the most delicious smell. And then just when the water was almost completely through, Judy would bang the whole unit on the counter a couple of times. I'm sure this had something to do with why it tasted so good. She would then pour real cream in the mug and fill it up with the delectable brew. I'm getting heady just thinking about it. Anyone who ever came for a meal and then had coffee would comment on the coffee. Even though the old drip pot has gone on to that coffee bar in the sky, Jude still makes a mean cup of java. That's why it makes us laugh when the younger siblings complain about not being able to get a "good latte" anywhere in Haliburton. Just go home, kids.

Boonieville

by Charlie Telfour



More Letters to the Editor

Why the haste in restructuring?

To the Editor:

I read with interest your report on "Redrawing the Map" in the January 30 edition of The Echo and offer some observations, particularly in light of the statement that the general public will have no input at the February 13 meeting of the assembled councils, rather having observer status only.

The provincial government is being taken to task for moving too fast on its realignment of services and cost cutting measures, even though the electorate was informed, in some detail, of the intended direction and thrust in a lively pre-election campaign.

But now, in "redrawing" it appears that after just only county council meeting and no reported township meetings, (as

of February 7), councillors must attend the joint February 13 meeting, having arrived at a consensus! Based on what? While the newspaper coverage is detailed and comprehensive it must have to be somewhat short on round table, entire individual council, input and discussion. Surely the taxpayers should hear from those they elected before such far reaching and perhaps final steps are finalized.

What is the unseemly haste? Has a closure date been set?

As stated in "Redrawing", six options are presented with an intimation that two or three may now have the preference. It is further stated that "communica-

tion is imperative." Have the lines of communication been opened? And, if they are opened now, can they become productive on such short notice?

Indeed, "change is not easy"

marches on relentlessly and if a semblance of past accomplishment and glory is to be maintained, the new challenges must be faced carefully, planned to be long lasting and meet the needs,

dreams and aspirations of the residents, and the coming generation. "Boundaries are an emotional issue" and it is encouraging that this point

is being assessed, taking into cognizance geographics and the resulting operational economics.

Not to muddy the waters unduly, but to thicken the gruel somewhat, another configuration is set out:

- Anson, Hindon, Minden, Lutterworth, part of Snowdon, extending into Galway, extending into Somerville.

- Dysart et al, less Harcourt, less part of Dudley plus adjusting Sherbourne, plus adjusting with Glamorgan/Koshlong area accessed via Donald.

- Stanhope, Sherbourne et al plus extending into Muskoka extending into Hindon?

- Glamorgan, Monmouth, Cardiff, Harcourt, Bicroft plus

part of Dudley, extending into Snowdon, extending into Cavendish.

These four units present a seemingly balanced structuring, with strength for long range viability to weather the test of time.

Further suggestions:

- Abandon county government which will disappear with regionalizing at any rate. Redrawing presents this opportunity, though it's not overly popular at this stage.

- Resist downloading of roads by provincial level.

- Revamp the County Road System per se. Due to our topography and geographics the current system is extremely cumbersome to service.

- Place a moratorium on all capital building expenditures.

- Don't allow weighted, multiple votes, i.e. I vote per member (ward).

- Bite the Bullet. Job loss, though regrettable, will be inevitable to ensure cost savings and avoid bureaucratic top heaviness.

- A La Prochaine or whatever. "Let it be said they builded well."

D. M. Agnew,
Wilberforce, Ontario

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and decisions are "hard to make." I would submit that councils and councillors should not abrogate their responsibilities in this matter. Rather it is their responsibility to steer the initial process in a forthright

and responsible manner before relinquishing it to the ultimate authority of the county council.

Progress from provincial to full county status has been long and rewarding. However, time

TVO's essence is educational

The following letter was sent to Hon. M. Mushinski, Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation.

Dear Ms. Mushinski:

Recently you received a letter from our Haliburton TVO representative, Susan Wilson, who made a strongly reasoned case for retaining TVO in the public domain. I support completely her argument and would like to expand on just one part of this vital issue.

The essence of TVO is its service to education. It provides intellectual stimulation to all segments of the population, including school children, both in and out of the classroom. Now, with cutbacks to education budgets, teachers are left with few funds for resources and the value of TVO increases immeasurably. We must

retain a publicly managed TVO for the sake of our students, if for no other reasons. As Ms. Wilson pointed out, no commercial broadcaster will do it.

Before leaving this topic, may I remind you that many Ontarians agree with us in valuing TVO. Polls have shown that privatization was the second least popular plank in the Conservative election platform. Last November, the Toronto Star conducted a poll in which the overwhelming majority of respondents opposed privatizing this prime asset.

What will you, as Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, do to keep TVO in the hands of Ontario citizens?

Jean Clarke,
Haliburton

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Nordic ski team sets new record

by BRUCE GRIFFITH

Haliburton high school's Nordic ski team competed on their home trails at Glebe Park against eleven other schools for the Kawartha championship last Wednesday. The HHSS skiers took advantage of their trail knowledge and hard work in preparing for the season as they completely dominated the midget and junior categories. Of the 23 Haliburton competitors who raced on Wednesday, all had exceptional finishes which contributed to the best ever team standings in the history of Kawartha Nordic skiing.

Braving blizzard conditions and a very challenging course, Haliburton team members turned in the following results:

Midget Girls: Stephanie Ratz, first; Regan Brown, second.

Midget Boys: Brock Ladurantaye, first.

Junior Girls: Ainsley Heyes, first; Amy Ellis, fifth; Allison Kennedy, seventh; Amy Wood, tenth; Brandi Hewson, sixteenth; Kristen Schakelaar, eighteenth.

Junior Boys: B.J. Cummings, second; Keven Hurley, fifth; Danny Wright, sixth; Ryan O'Neill, ninth; John Craig, fourteenth.

Senior Girls: Amanda Duncombe, seventh; Jennifer Turner, fifteenth; Caitlin Pettit, nineteenth; Rachel Levis, twenty-second.

ty-second.

Senior Boys: Jeff Wright, thirteenth; Simon Reid, fourteenth; Ryan Ellis, seventeenth; Matt Heffer, nineteenth; Will Wallace, twenty-eighth.

In the team events the Junior Boys placed first, Junior Girls, second, Senior Girls, fourth and Senior Boys' team were second.

Highlights of the day were: Ainsley Heyes' record setting

time, the Wright brothers first ever manned flight, Brock and Stephanie's gold medal performances, Simon and B.J.'s smoking relay legs, and Wild Will's free dinner!

Come and see this dynamic team in action on Wednesday, February 14 at Glebe Park for the Central Ontario Championships.



Competitors drive uphill in the Junior girls event



B.J. Cummings of HHSS finished 2nd among the Jr. Boys

Novice C's close season on high note, ready to win

by DAN MacMILLAN

Oh boy, do I have a couple of games to tell you about this week. They involve the Novice C Huskies and two teams the Huskies haven't been able to master so far this season. First up, this past Wednesday night the Huskies hosted Bobcaygeon.

Early in the first period, the Huskies opened the scoring on a goal from Connor MacMillan set up by Adam Sisson. Bobcaygeon tied it up a short while later but Connor struck again, this time with assists going to Clayton Hodgson and Dylan Metcalfe.

The Huskies really sent Bobcaygeon into a tailspin when Dylan made it 3 to 1 on an unassisted goal. In the third, the Cougars made it 3 to 2 but Dylan scored an insurance goal from Connor and Josh Mayhew. The Huskies came away with a hard-fought-for 4 to 2 upset. Jeff Burk was dazzling in net playing probably his best game ever. Ryan Bottum was outstanding on defence showing that he is probably one of the premier players of the league. Connor put in a truly gutsy performance, figuring in on all four goals. And Dylan, well Dylan is the smallest player on the ice with the biggest heart.

That brings us to Saturday's away game at Ops. This was a differently played game but with the same results. The Flames scored early in the first period

and the teams settled down to a close checking game. Early in the second, Adam Sisson, who had been nursing a blistered heel, showed he is back in form when he scored an unassisted goal to tie it. About six minutes later, Dylan Metcalfe rapped one in from Adam to take the lead. Twelve seconds later Adam scored another unassisted goal and Ops just seemed to sag. Early in the third, Dylan made it 4 to 1 on an unassisted goal of his own. The Flames scored again late in the game but the damage had been done and the Huskies skated away with another 4 to 2 upset victory. Ryan Bottum had another great game on defence and Josh Mayhew played a very impressive game in net for the Huskies.

"If these kids are peaking it's the perfect time, just when the playoffs are starting."

The Huskies have seemed to pull it all together. They are very strong up the middle with Adam

Sisson and Dylan Metcalfe at centre and Jeff Burk and Josh Mayhew in net. Their wingers, Jeff Griffin, Clayton Hodgson, Jade MacInnes and Connor MacMillan are tough in the corners and in the neutral ice zone. The core of the defence, Jenny Perrott, Scott Lewis and Ryan Bottum have got the sweep check and the poke check down pat, driving opposing teams to frustration. Just a super close to the regular season, kids. Like Dr. Norm says, "If these kids are peaking it's the perfect time, just when the playoffs are starting."

Bantams face Godfrey

by ROGER DART

After convincingly eliminating Beaverton in the first round of the playoffs, Coach Gary Burtch lined up two exhibition games as a tune-up for the next round. The Haliburton OMHA Bantam Huskies responded with a pair of victories over teams from larger centres.

On Friday, February 2 the Huskies had a full bench for the first time in a very long time. Captain Matt Burk was back from a 3-week layoff with a shoulder injury and Mike Morissette played his first game since mid-December with a stiff knee brace as part of his equipment. Adam Wilson was again in the net for Greg Schell who was still out with a hand injury. Adam followed up his shut-out in the playoffs with another strong performance and proved to be the margin of victory in the Huskies' 6 to 5 win over an explosive Huntsville squad.

The returning players also played a big part in the win. Captain Matt led the team with a hat trick scoring half of the

Huskies' goals and Mike marked his return with a goal and 2 assists. Chris Moynes, who had sadly missed the final game of the playoffs, was hot on his return to the lineup scoring a pair of goals. Huntsville jumped to an early one goal lead but the Huskies took advantage of a shaky netminder as they registered 3 straight goals by Burk, unassisted, Moynes assisted by Devon Dart and Burk assisted by Morissette and Greg Forgrave. Huntsville scored once more in the first. Morissette, assisted by Moynes scored the only goal of the second period. In the third period Huntsville scored 3 times but the 2 Huskie goals by Moynes, assisted by Darol Sisson and Morissette, and Burk's third of the game from Steve St. Cyr and Allan Pugh, gave the Huskies the win.

The following Friday the Huskies were in Bracebridge. It was good to see Greg Schell back in the net. However, the bench was short as several players missed the game. The most serious absence was that of Matt

Reid who is out indefinitely with a severe ankle injury. Matt will be missed as he has been a solid player this season both on defense and on the wing.

Bracebridge grabbed an early two-goal lead but that only served as a wake-up call for the Huskies. From then on the Huskies out-played the powerful Bears scoring four times. Schell was back to his usual heroics in the net and shut down the Bracebridge shooters for the rest of the game. It was a well earned 4 to 2 victory for the Huskies. Haliburton scoring was done by Mike Morissette, assisted by a blast from defenceman Andrew Burtch, Greg Forgrave, with help from his linemates Matt Burk and Blayne Saunders, Steve St. Cyr, on a neat passing play from Chris Moynes and Morissette and Shane Parks sealed the win assisted by Burk.

The Bantam Huskies will meet North Frontenac from Godfrey in the second round of the playoffs. The opening match is in Haliburton next Saturday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Benefit game a big success

by Mr. Hockey

What do you get when you take the best of Haliburton and put it up against the best of Minden? You have two Allstar teams fighting it out over men's hockey supremacy. The action-packed game had non-stop, end to end rushes with the 4Cs the big winner.

The fans who attended this annual charity game will be happy to know that because of them, 70 pounds of food and \$405 will be donated to the 4Cs.

Haliburton opened the scoring in the first period as Chris Hodgson scored on a nice pass by Bernie Upton. Then both Haliburton and Minden's goalies closed the doors to the shooters. That is until the 1:25 mark when Chris struck again being fed by Steve Smith. Haliburton's Chad Burden scored 11 seconds later fed by Kevin Morissette. Haliburton pressed again and 22 seconds later scored again (Morissette from Burden.)

Haliburton started the second period where they left off with Chris Hodgson finishing his hat trick, tripping in a shot from Smith. Minden had seen enough and tallied with three of their own: Scot Hamilton on a steal with a beautiful move put Minden on the board. Then Kevin Hamilton not to be outdone by his brother, scored two goals, the first being set up by Craig Crowe; the second an unassisted solo effort.

The teams broke so the ice could be resurfaced. Haliburton's pep talk must have been a whopper because they came out flying. Bernie Upton opened the second period on a well fed pass from Erin Nicholls. Morissette then split the defence and put on a super move and slide the puck into the net. Minden replied 34 seconds later with Craig Crowe finding nothing but net on a pretty pass from Tran Larue. Haliburton put it out of reach with Nicholls scoring

from a drop pass from Shaun Perrin. Tim Hunter then added a bullet off a spinaroma move reminiscent of Savard. Haliburton Allstars 9, Minden Allstars 4.

There are many individuals and groups who made this night the success it was. First of all to play each year you need two teams. Thanks to both Minden and Haliburton's players for their time and determination to put on a great spectacle for the fans. Next, the fans - without your support the 4Cs would not have received the money and food that it did. Thank you for your support.

This year there were door prizes donated by: Glen Sharpley Sports, McKeck's Place, Valumart, Sir Sam's Ski Area, West Guilford Shopping Centre, West Guilford Shell Station, and Carnarvon Building Supplies.

We would like to extend our thanks to the referees (Claude Parish, Bill Mulholland, Mark Hughes), timekeepers (Bill Hartin, Eric Nicholls), and Wendy Wells, all who donated their time, and their recreation committee for donating the ice. The Haliburton Men's League would also like their sponsors recognized for their contributions: Bishop and Wilson, Elstone Motors, Emmerson Lumber, Curry Motors, Haliburton Lumber, Robert-Austin Fuels, Vasey Insurance, and Youngdale Fuels.

A special thank you goes to Dennis Casey, chairman of the recreation committee, who took time out of his busy schedule to make a personal appearance after the game to encourage both Haliburton and Minden Allstars to keep up their charitable game. This will be remembered for a long time by the players.

Thanks again to all for their support and remember two things:

- 1) to attend the Allstar game next year
- 2) keep your stick on the ice

Haliburton, Minden Atoms put on quite a show for local fans

by DAVE BROWN

What do two coaches do when confronted with a pair of runaway trains? Climb aboard and go with the ride. Tuesday night the Minden Monarchs came over to Haliburton to meet up with the 2nd Entry Atom Huskies and gave the fans quite a show. Both teams played a wide open style of hockey and left their respective goalies to the mercy of the offense.

The first two minutes saw Haliburton pull away with two goals and it initially appeared that they would soon be miles ahead of the Monarchs. Not set back by the Huskies' starting onslaught, Minden scored halfway through the period and the goals began. By the time the first was over the score was 3 - 2 in Haliburton's favour.

In the second it was wide open and in total, eight goals were scored. Over half the Huskies were involved in the point parade in this period. When the dust (ice?) settled the Huskies were ahead 8 - 5. The way the game was going that was definitely not a comfortable margin with

Minden continuing to pressure. After a break between periods the scoring slowed down but the aggressive wide open end-to-end play continued. Minden came back with another goal with nine minutes to play but that was it for the goaltender's nightmare. The Huskies finished the game with an 8 - 6 victory. A few highlights - Adam Tomlinson scored a hat trick, Ryan Goldenberg a pair in one shift and our goalie Ryan the Cat Hutson picked up an assist.

On Saturday, the Huskies met up with the Bancroft Jets. Haliburton was out-hustled for most of the game as Bancroft kept the Huskies bottled up in their own end. The first period ended up tied 2 - 2 with goals by Jeremy Miscio and Ryan Goldenberg. The roof fell in midway through the second as the Jets scored four unanswered goals in less than three minutes. Things settled down a little in the third but Bancroft still managed to score two more. Shawn MacInnes scored one more for Haliburton with just over a minute left in the game. Once all was counted up the Jets won 8 - 3. It would be nice to have that one over again.

OMHA Peewees win series

by LAURIE CURRY

The Husky PeeWees went to Beaverton last Tuesday night for game four in the series.

Haliburton was down two goals until 17 seconds left in the seconds period when Adam Henry got a break-away on a wicked pass from Ryan Woods. Henry put the puck in the top corner.

With the boys coming out in the third period full of energy, and anticipating an outstanding third period, that's just what it was.

With Brian Mulholland in net doing a terrific job and the defence definitely clicking, the Huskies scored three quick goals for a big win on Beaverton ice.

Goals were scored by Jason Woodcox assisted by Jamie Luck and Danny Koz, Nick Cochrane assisted by Ryan Wood,

Ryan Wood assisted by Shane Campbell.

Game five was at the Haliburton arena on Friday night.

The Huskies came out strong wanting this series to end tonight and that's just what happened.

Each and every player on the ice did an outstanding job.

Goals were scored by Scot Curry, assist by Jamie Luck; Scot Curry, assist Shane Campbell; Cole Glendinning, assist Nick Cochrane; Cole Glendinning, assist Nick Cochrane and Jeff Wilson; Danny Koz, assist by Adam Henry; Nick Cochrane, assist by Jeff Wilson and Ryan Kirkpatrick; and Jeff Wilson, assisted by Nick Cochrane and Ryan Kirkpatrick. Score 7 - 2.

The PeeWee's next series will be against Beaton.



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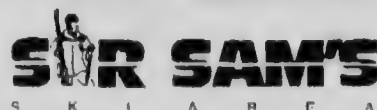
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Leafs need oldtimers to change their fortunes

by Ken Riley

What's wrong with the Leafs? That's all we hear these days as they try to bumble their way into the playoffs. Some people blame the coach, some blame the G.M., some blame the guy selling programs in the lobby. Some people say the team is too old. With this I disagree - the last time the Leafs won the Stanley Cup they were led by a team of aging veterans, half of whom were already collecting their Old Age Pensions! Who could forget 'Red' Kelly, whose nickname was changed to 'Head' because of his receding hairline, the only young thing about Johnny Bower was his dentures and Tim Horton had to invent the donut because it was easy to chew! Yes, Mr. Fletcher, if you want to win I think you should go with a more mature lineup, as things do get better with age.

What better place to look for those appropriately aged players than the Wilberforce Oldtimers Hockey League. If you're looking for maturity, we're full of it! With our combined ages we have experience stretching back to the Pleistocene era! Forget the million dollar salaries Cliff, most of these guys would play for a free stick and a couple of pints after the game and some have hairdos you would be proud of! We'll be waiting by the phone!

In game one of last week's action Apsley faced the Clarkson Plumbers. After a scoreless first the Plumbers kicked it into gear and rolled on to a 6 - 0 victory, giving netminder Kevin Finch his first shutout of the season. Plunking for the Plumbers was Joe Roberts with three, Tim Chambers had a pair and Tom Ballantine had a single.

Game two was cancelled due to lack of Rainbows. This gave Bancroft Canadian Tire an easy two points in the battle for second place. Going into this night's action Wilberforce was in second with 13 points, Clarkson Plumbers had 12 and Canadian Tire had 11.

In game three it was the first placed Haliburton Hawks against the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. The Hawks dominated the first two periods outscoring the Ponders 7 - 1. The Golden ones tried to mount a third period comeback but it was too little, too late, as the Hawks skated away with a 9 - 4 victory! Head Hawk was Rick Wood with three, Brian (Howitzer) Mulholland and Bob Woodcock both had two, Dan Ambridge and Tom Curry had singles. For Wilberforce, Rolland Pelletier had two, Ken Riley and Perry Best had singles.

Next week it's Apsley and Rainbow, Canadian Tire and the Hawks and the Plumbers and Ponders, that is unless, we all get drafted to play in the Gardens!

Novice B Huskies face uphill battle in playoffs

by GINNY HEMING

The Novice B Huskies are in their semi-final round of playoffs and played two weekend games against Wilberforce. This is the most exciting, fast paced hockey that we've seen all season, as both teams have improved their skills tremendously since they first met in November.

In game one, Kyle Espie passed the puck back to Justin Abbs at the point who fired it at the net and Nick Judge was right there to bang it in. The next four minutes was a flourish of action by both teams. Then with two minutes left Haliburton picked up a penalty, and Wilberforce rushed in to score 40 seconds into the powerplay. Before the Huskies could recover, the Rockets blasted down the ice from a faceoff to score again.

The second period started with another Rocket goal. The Huskies came storming back and Travis Burke threaded a pass to Nick Judge

who deked and scored.

For the next 8 minutes Haliburton dominated the play keeping the puck in Rocket territory. On numerous occasions the Huskies tried unsuccessfully to put the puck past the Wilberforce netminder, who grabbed

Wilberforce Rockets give the Huskies a tough game

the puck and held on!

In the third period the back and forth battle carried on. Then the Huskies gave up the puck at their own blueline and the Rockets blasted in to score. Two minutes later another costly error by Haliburton lead to the 5th Rocket goal. The Huskies never slowed down, but they just couldn't put it in the net and the game ended Wilberforce 5,

Haliburton 2. Thanks to all Huskies for their undying spirit!!

The second game was a crowd pleaser for all fans, as the play went end to end with many scoring opportunities by both teams. The first period remained scoreless, as did the second. On numerous occasions the fans were on their feet, watching the exciting scrambles around both nets.

It would be the Rockets who would finally score two minutes into the third period to lead 1-0. The battle raged on until the final two minutes of the game when Wilberforce scored again to win the game 2-0. This was not your lucky day Huskies, but the fight has just begun. Get rested, then get psyched, pumped, whatever you need, to prepare for the next dazzling duel with the Rockets! Fans, mark your calendars - Sat. Feb.17th, 12:30 in Wilberforce, and Sun Feb.18th 12:30 in Haliburton.

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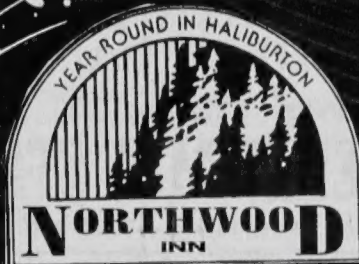
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Novice Huskies wrap up series, no face Wasaga

by Walter Tose

Last Sunday the Novice A Huskies travelled to Beaverton for the fourth game in their playoff series. The Huskies notched an impressive 6-1 win to wrap up the series 3 games to 1. They now move on to the semi-final against Wasaga Beach and expect to begin playing this weekend.

The Huskies put together another outstanding team effort in their 6-1 win on Sunday in a complete reversal from the previous week in Haliburton. The Blades took a couple of penalties early in the game and Haliburton capitalized, scoring two goals in the first 7 minutes and they never looked back. The Huskies continued to carry the play through the remainder of the game with solid defensive work by Adam Hutson, Terry Bannon, Andy Dawson and Daniel Jung. Goaltender Jeremy Moynes saw very few shots and was steady when tested. Meanwhile the forwards, Jesse Johnson, Adrian Winn, Matthew Roberts, Brandon Bowman, Josh Brown and

Ross Gerry showed outstanding hustle in the offensive zone and definitely had a more effective passing game this week. They whittled away at the Beaverton defence and built up a 5-0 lead going into the third period. Beaverton took advantage of a Husky turnover early in the third to score one goal, but then the Huskies turned it up a notch and shut Beaverton down for the remainder of the game. If the Huskies can remember to use the whole width of the ice, stick to positional play and pass the puck to open ice when on the attack, they will become even more effective in their offensive play.

Adrian Winn and Ross Gerry scored two goals each while Josh Brown and Brandon Bowman added singles. Andy Dawson, Adam Hutson, Jesse Johnson, Matthew Roberts, Josh Brown and Ross Gerry provided the all important assists. Congratulations to all members of the team on an outstanding effort to win this first playoff series and good luck against Wasaga Beach!



SKIERS WITH HEART: Twenty skiers took part in Saturday's Cross-Country Ski for Heart, raising \$1,200 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The following businesses donated prizes or services to help make the day a success: PineStone, Easton's valu-mart, Haliburton Family Medical Centre, Northland Sales, Boomers, Old Country House, Video City and Hagerman, Eastmure Assoc.

Atom Cs take Flyers in first playoff game

by JANICE CHAMBERS

Regular season's over and playoff action has begun. Coach Pete is very proud of his boys. They sure have shown many talents and lots of drive. The Huskies played a game on Saturday to be proud of. The Fenelon Flyers opened the scoring in the last minute of the first

period. The Huskies didn't stand still. Just minutes into the second period a nice set-up by Kyle Boughner and Joel Johnson gave Cory Poole opportunity for a wicked shot into the Flyers' net for a 1 - 1 tie. That made the boys more eager with Brock Thomas and Dan Craig helping to set up the go-ahead goal by Jason

Chambers.

Haliburton took two more goals in the third period: Kyle assisted by Jeff Packard and Joel and Adam (Moose), assisted by Kyle. Fenelon notched a nine-second goal in the last period to leave the score Haliburton 4 - Fenelon 3.

Alex Frybort played a strong game coming up

with many wicked stick saves to help the Huskies keep the lead.

Haliburton's defence can't go without mention as André Nichol, Cory and Adam played one of their best defensive games. Game 2 of the playoff is Saturday at 1:30 in Haliburton against Cannington.

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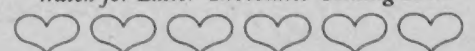
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Rocket tykes skate to 8-2 win over Huskies

by SUE CLARKSON

Last week's picture of Wilberforce Atoms, indicated they were C champions at the Haliburton tournament when in fact it was the D they won. The picture shown was taken after their Bobcaygeon tournament

when they beat Haliburton in overtime to take the B championship.

The Rocket Tykes were hosted by Haliburton on February 4. The Rockets scored three goals within a minute and a half, but Haliburton soon recovered, netting two quickly to come

within one. The first period was full of end-to-end action, but Wilberforce scored five more goals over the next two periods of play that the Huskies couldn't answer. Chris Roberts did not see much action around the goal crease during the second and third periods as the Rockets

dominated that part of the game. Shayne Gillick scored two goals and earned a hat trick of assists, Travis MacKay netted a hat trick and one assist, Daniel Riley worked hard for two assists, Jessie MacKay got one of each, Adam DeCarlo and Galen Bowman produced one goal each and Johnathon Belbin and Steven McHarrie tallied one assist each. Final score: Rockets 8 - Huskies 2.

The Rocket Atoms, now a solid B team, started their playoff schedule last Wednesday night hosted by

Bobcaygeon. The first period ended in a scoreless tie - we've had a lot of those lately. In the second there was a lot of center ice action. It was around this time that the Blades' #10 was moved from defence to forward and scored two, and one more in the third. Despite a wicked power play for the Rockets and numerous shots on goal, nothing bulged the twine. The boys played an excellent game of hockey but just couldn't get one across the line. Billy Hunter had a super game in net stopping the

score from moving higher several times. Final score: Bobcaygeon 3 - Rockets 0. We look forward to meeting them in the daytime on our rink.

The PeeWees were hosted by Mariposa 1 on February 3. The call was early - 10:00 a.m. in Oakwood. The game ended up being one of those you'd like to forget. The Rockets were only down by two at the end of the first and the feeling was they could pull up their socks and get going in the second. But that

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Two out of three a good show by Redmen

Haliburton high school's hockey Redmen picked up two of team's final three regular season games last week.

The Redmen edged Cambellford Wednesday and soundly defeated Norwood Thursday, before being dropped by Cambellford 5-0 in a second, lopsided contest on Thursday.

Haliburton and Cambellford were tied at one each Wednesday until Josh Burk won the game for the Redmen on a pass from Dennis Woods with just 45 seconds left in the game.

Jeff Wray put the team on the board in the first period with an unassisted effort.

Cambellford managed to

get in the game with a goal only seconds before the second period ended, but couldn't get back on the board again and couldn't hold the Redmen off long enough to force overtime.

Haliburton and Norwood traded goals through the first and second periods of the team's second match of the week until the Redmen broke the game open in the third to finish with a 4-2 victory.

Josh Burk had another successful game, framing the win with the team's first and final goals.

Haliburton's Mark Hughes also scored in the first to give the team a 2-1 lead heading into the second peri-

od. But Norwood was able to squeek out the only goal of the middle period to even the score for the third.

The Redmen took control of the game in the third, keeping Norwood off the board and adding two goals to their own score.

Chris Eskelin scored just over half-way through the period before Burk's final goal with only 35 seconds on the clock.

Credited with two assists each for Haliburton were Dennis Woods, Jeff Wray, and Andrew McKelvey. Chris Eskelin also earned an assist.

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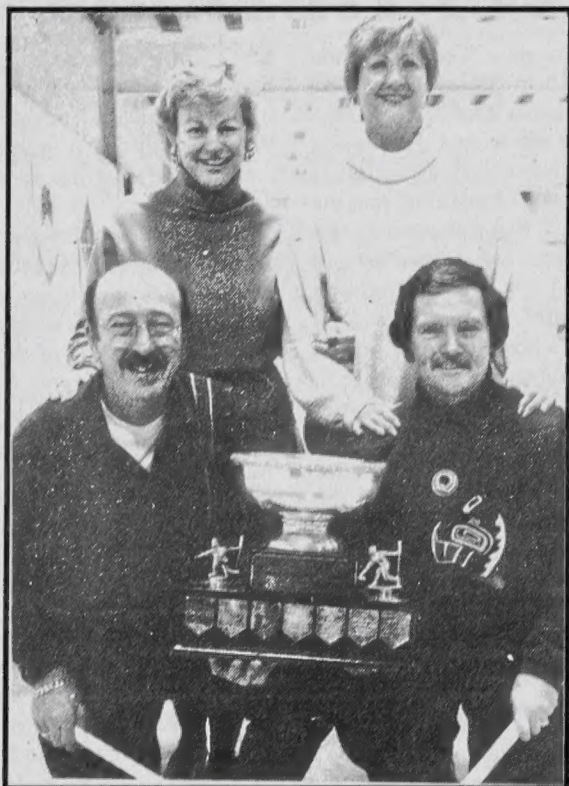
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At left, third place winners Derry Wilford, Marg Wilford, Phyllis Woodcock, Russell Woodcock of Haliburton

Rockets win big games

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didn't happen for the rest of the game as the Lightning struck big time. We produced one in the third by Sean Critch from Corby Semple, but Mariposa wouldn't be stopped today. Final score: Rockets 1 - Mariposa 9. This was the worst beating of the last two years for this team.

Sunday it was Mariposa 2's turn - the team we hadn't yet beaten during the regular season. The team was determined from the start to make up for yesterday, but were apprehensive. It didn't look too good when the opposition got on the scoreboard first, but with 58 seconds left in the period, we evened the score, and 32 seconds later we went ahead. There was no stopping the Rocket offence from then on. They were able to score one more in the second and three in the third. Final score: Rockets 6 - Mariposa 1. Everyone from goal ie Joe Carey, to forwards, Chris Alden, Ian Brown, Sean Critch, Ken Mott, David Arsenaault, Jeremy Huffman and Mike Jones, to the defence of Ira Arsenaault, Adam Clarkson, Corby Semple and Chris Peacock played an inspired game. Adam Clarkson and Chris Alden netted one and tallied two assists each, Corby Semple netted two goals, Ken Mott and Sean Critch put two over the line and Ian Brown and Jeremy Huffman tallied one assist each.

February 3 the Novice Rockets played an exciting exhibition game with the Huskies with Haliburton winning 5 - 2. Wilberforce goals were both scored by Gavin Swan with two assists for Kanan Quibell and one for Aaron Donaldson.

The Rockets and Huskies now play a best of seven series. Game one was February 10. This is minor hockey at its best. This time the Rockets came out on top 5 - 2 with Gavin Swan scoring two goals, Aaron Donaldson, Kevin Bowman and Josh MacKay each picking up one. Assists were tallied for Aaron Donaldson and Josh MacKay with two each, Kevin Boman and Andy Sayers with one apiece.

The PeeWees hosted Mariposa 2 last Saturday. This was the Rockets' game from start to finish. The Lightning scored in the first to tie the game with a bullet of a wrist shot, and a cherry picker break-away in the second. The Lightning pulled their goalie at the end but the Rockets were too strong and sank another to seal the victory. Chris Alden netted two and one assist, Sean Critch scored one and assisted on two, Kenny Mott scored two and Adam Clarkson tallied one assist. Final score: Rockets 5 - Mariposa 2.

The Atoms travelled to Manvers for an 8:30 p.m. call last Saturday night - the latest game of the year. The home team was able to get on the board halfway through the first, but Ben DeCarlo made no mistake in equalizing with a nice wrist shot from the corner. The second period saw Manvers notch two more. Early in the third Paul Wesley got the puck to Mitchell Clarkson who scored to bring the score within one. Shortly after Ben DeCarlo was stoned on a penalty shot. Manvers notched another to seal their win 4 - 2. Don't worry boys, the win will come - keep working hard as a team and having fun.

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